

MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
5th December 1867.*

No. 108. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 3rd December 1867.

Read the following letter from the Collector of North Arcot, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Chittoor, 29th November 1867, No. 331 :—

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt (yesterday) of the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated —.

2. The Board will have learned by my letters of the 22nd and 23rd instant, Nos. 322 and 324, that the state of the crops in this district had become the subject of serious apprehension. Since those letters were written, there has been a week of showery weather, but the rain has been so light that none of the rivers, so far as I have yet heard, have flooded, and the tanks are still yet as empty as they were when the rain first set in. These showers, however, have been most beneficial to the standing dry crops, and a large breadth of Gram and Verugu cultivation, which was a week ago in great danger, will now be saved.

3. The Cultivation Accounts and Price lists, which I mentioned in the first of the letters above quoted as having been specially called for, have not yet been received from the talooks, but may be expected in a day or two. On receipt of these statistics, I shall lose no time in putting them into the form of a season report, for submission to the Board.

4. There is a good deal of fever in the highland parts of the district, and a private report, which I received yesterday, gives a very gloomy picture of the state of things in the Palmanair talook. There the rain-fall had up to the date of the report been very slight. The standing dry crops had withered up extensively; and of wet cultivation under the tanks, there was little to speak of.

5. I have ordered the temporary suspension of Act II of 1864, for the recovery of arrears of revenue, until I have fuller particulars of the actual state of the crops and agricultural prospects of that talook.

6. Mr. Comyn, in a note dated a week back, writes that all the tanks in the Arcot talook were dry, and those in the other parts of his division very nearly so.

7. The Range Officer in the Wallajah talook mentions in a memorandum, dated the 26th instant, that there had been some heavy showers in that direction, but that there had been no floodwater down the Palar since February; that there was no water whatever in the great Kaveripak tank; and that three-fourths of the tanks in the range were all but dry.

8. Meanwhile, so far as I can learn, the general health of the district is good, and the showers we are now having will be highly beneficial to pasture as well as to the dry crops.

9. At the weekly market here to-day, the prices of the principal grains were as follow :—

	Number of measures per Rupee.		
	Paddy.		
	Old.	New.	Raggy.
	12	13	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Last quotation for week ending 21st November 1867	13	14	10

as far as I have yet heard, none of the tanks are full, and

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10. The Board may rely upon my keeping them closely and accurately informed of the state of the district as it declares itself under the now somewhat improving aspect of the season.

11. Beyond this, nothing could now be done without causing an alarm in the markets, which might be very mischievous. No such alarm yet exists, and may not arise if the monsoon, which has now set in, reach the district with that fuller burst which is now so greatly required for wet cultivation.

1. Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The Board await the full report promised by the Collector; but in the meantime it would be well to consider what employment on works of a simple character can be given to the poor of the Palmanair talook, should necessity arise. A Covenanted Officer should at once visit the talook, and the present price of grain, compared to the usual price at this period of the year, should be reported.

No. 109. ORDER THEREON, 5th December 1867, No. 2,907.

Miscellaneous.

1. The Government approve the Board's proceedings, and await the Collector's further report.

2. Weekly telegraph reports should be submitted to Government till all cause for anxiety in North Arcot is removed.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.
,, the Collector of North Arcot.

Ed. S. T. Augustin.

Revenue Department.

No. 331.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
dated 3^d December 1867.

Read the following letter.

No. 331.

From
A. D. Robinson Esq.
Collector of North Arcot.

To
R. A. Dalrymple Esq.
Secretary to the Board of Revenue
Madras

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3. The cultivation accounts and price lists, which I mentioned in the first of the letters above quoted as having been specially called for, have not yet been received from the taluqs, but may be expected in a day or two. On receipt of these statistics, I shall lose no time in putting them into the form of a season report for submission to the Board.

4. There is a good deal of fever in the highland parts of the District, and a private report which I received yesterday gives a very gloomy picture of the state of things in the Palamaner taluq. There the rain fall had up to the date of the report been very slight. The standing dry crops had withered up extensively, and of wet cultivation under the tanks, there was little to speak of.

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Collector

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8. Meanwhile, so far as I can learn, the general health of the District is good, and the showers we are now having will be highly beneficial to pasture as well as to the dry crops.

9. At the weekly market here today, the prices of the principal grains were as follow-

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North Brol. }
Collector's Office. }
Chittoor 29th Nov. 1807. }
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Signed } I. D. Robinson
Collector.

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Reported to England
of 14 January 1807 of 1808
Secretary

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No 3297.

Proceedings of the
Board of Revenue

Dated 3rd Dec. 3rd December 1807.
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Submitting for information of Government further reports from collector of N. Brol on state of season in District, and stating that Covenanted Officer should visit Palamanair Talook and that a report should be made as to the present price of grain compared with usual price at this period of the year.
No 2907-5 Dec.

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the 18th Nov. 1807

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by telegraph

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It would be very inconvenient at the
present time to take his staff away
from his work in the educational
department. Mr Robinson has already
two committed assistants one of
whom Mr Gibson is the Assistant
Specially Deputed in July 1868 to
act with him in connection with the
superintendence of famine works
and whom he might very properly
depute to the Palamangai
District.

Yr G.